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COLLISION IS TERRIBLE

Frightful Railroad Accident Occurs on a Canadian Road.

SMOKER DEMOLISHED

It Was in This Car That the Greatest Havoc Happened, the Baggage and Express Cars Being Jammed Into It.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—A head on collision occurred at Wanstead, twenty miles west of this city, between a west-bound passenger train and a fast east-bound freight on the northern division of the Grand Trunk railroad. The express was an hour behind schedule time when it left this city. It was Pacific express No. 5 and running at high rate of speed. The freight was prowling slowly and was to take a switch at Wanstead to allow the passenger train to pass.

Apparently neither engine saw the danger in time to avert an accident, for the two engines came together near West switch with a frightful crash, overturning into the ditch. The baggage and express cars telescoped into the smoker with appalling results. The wreck was complete and hardly a passenger in the smoker escaped injury. The other cars of the passenger train remained on the track. Word was quickly wired here and doctors were soon on the scene. Among the dead are Engineer Gillies and fireman of passenger train.

The ill-fated express consisted of two baggage cars, a smoker, two first-class coaches and two Pullmans. The smoker had sides knocked out of it, the roof falling and imprisoning the passengers. It was in this car the most awful havoc and loss of life occurred. The wreck shortly after the collision caught fire, and but for the heroic efforts of the passengers, led by an old man, himself a passenger on the train, the disaster might have been more awful. By the heroic efforts of this brigade they put out the fire by throwing snow on the flames with their hats and hands. They turned their efforts toward getting out the wounded, who had their sufferings increased by the blinding snow and the thermometer at zero. A Miss Cuthbertson of Port Huron was imprisoned under the wreck two hours, but not seriously hurt.

Following is a partial death list:

Edward Debeau, Edward Boies, Prescott, Ont.; Miss Nellie Gedds, Sarnia; Mr. Burrell, London; Nicholas Jeffries, London; Mrs. J. B. Barnes, Woodstock; — Gillies, Sarnia Tunnel; Alex. Cameron, Petrolia; Mr. Smith, trainman, Sarnia tunnel; H. B. Lawrence, Watford; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Stewart, London.

The accident is said to have been due to the failure of the operator to give orders to the express train to meet the freight at the station.

One of the passengers described the accident as follows:

"We were running about forty miles an hour, when without the slightest warning the two trains met with terrific force. On examination it was found the two engines were in the ditch. The baggage car thrown on top of the first-class coach, instantly killing a great many and pinning about fifty other passengers in the debris. The screams, moans and prayers of the injured were heart-rending. One woman begged for her child to be saved, as she was dying. The little one was carefully taken from the wreck and probably will recover. The mother was afterward released, only to die in a few minutes. About thirty people were killed and forty badly injured. Some of them will die. The trainmen, as well as every passenger, did all they could to relieve the sufferings of the victims."

Injured are: Alex. M. Stewart, Wingham, Ont.; J. J. Cuthbertson and wife, Port Huron, Mich.; Flossie Cuthbertson; James R. Ramblin, Toronto; Mrs. Samuel Cummings, Port Huron; Hattie Northey, Petersburg, Ont.; James R. Northey, Petersburg, Ont.; Nellie Coutts, Chicago; Frank F. Baker, London, Ont.; W. N. Moore, wife and three children, Sarnia; Thomas Coutts, Chicago; George Stacey, Wanstead, Ont.; Edward D. Evans, Prescott, Ont.; Dr. Basil Harvey, Chicago; Mrs. J. M. Stewart and child, Oshkosh, Wis.; Russell Quinn, Chicago; James Banes, Woodstock, Ont.; Beatrice Gedds, Sarnia, Ont.; Lottie Lynch, Port Huron, Mich.; John Bied, Chicago; Albert Limont, Wyoming, Ont.; Mrs. W. Cott and Margaret, London, Ont.; J. F. Shawles, Strathroy, Ont.; W. H. Cole and wife, Flint, Mich.; B. K. McDonald, Strathroy, Ont.; Mrs. T. N. Brynes, Sarnia; Annie Sinclair, Komoka, Ont.; Mrs. Hugsley, London; Carl Stewart, Oshkosh, Wis.

Injured were brought to London. Superintendent McGuigan of the Grand Trunk at Montreal has unofficial information of twenty-five killed and thirty injured.

It appears the operator, who has been with the road since 1877, failed to notify the passenger train to meet the freight at the station.

Engineer and Two Firemen Killed.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Fast passenger train on Illinois Central, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed

into a work train at Canbyville, Ky. Three men were killed and two injured.

One engine was demolished and three cars derailed. Killed: Robert Stith, engineer of work train; Thomas Bell, fireman, and W. O. Roberts, fireman on passenger.

Block Wiped Out.

San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 27.—An entire business block at Center City was wiped out by fire. The loss is about \$75,000, which is about half covered by insurance.

BANK BURGLARIZED.

Vault Blown Open and Fifteen Thousand Dollars Secured.

Union, Mo., Dec. 27.—The Bank of Union was burglarized between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, the vault being blown open with nitro glycerine and \$15,000, entire contents of the safe stolen. The robbers two in number are believed to be professionals. They escaped. A little after 1 o'clock a loud explosion was heard and several shots were fired around the public square. Most of the citizens who heard the noise supposed it was caused by some boys out on a lark celebrating Christmas, and paid no attention to it.

Oscar Busch, hardware dealer, living across the street, realized that the bank was being robbed, but when he went to a window to look out he was covered by a revolver. He then kept quiet. Others in the vicinity of the bank also kept quiet at the display of revolvers.

About fifty shots were fired to terrorize venturesome persons.

The wreck is complete, the vault, door and safe being completely demolished as also the whole front and interior. By 3 o'clock the work was finished, and men left town by walking to the east. F. F. Reinhard, president of the bank, is very sick at home, and he has not been told of the robbery. A. W. Hoffman, cashier, called after it was all over. He estimates the loss at about \$15,000. The bank carried \$10,000 insurance against burglary.

IS DISAPPOINTED.

Government of Germany Regrets President Roosevelt Will Not Serve.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The German government is disappointed by President Roosevelt's declaration to be arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute, but pursuant to his decision will correspond at once with Great Britain and Italy on the subsidiary questions that must now be agreed upon, such as raising the blockade and a definite form of request, whereby Venezuela on one side and Germany, Great Britain and Italy on the other, will ask The Hague tribunal to adjudge the dispute.

Interesting interchange of views on this and other requirements probably will take place at Washington, where ambassadors can confer freely with Secretary Hay and obtain through him President Castro's assent to precise preparations.

Presented at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Declination of President Roosevelt to serve as arbitrator in Venezuelan matter was presented to foreign office by Ambassador Meyer. While expressing his gratification at the honor, President Roosevelt thinks The Hague tribunal should arbitrate it.

INVENTION OF SCOTCHMAN

Wireless Telegraphy Experiments Made by J. B. Lindsay Fifty Years Ago.

New York, Dec. 27.—When Mr. Marconi lectured at Dundee, says a London correspondent of the Tribune, he gave full credit to a Scotch inventor, James Bowman Lindsay, for being the first man who thoroughly believed in the possibility and utility of long distance wireless telegraphy, fifty years ago.

He contended that Lindsay's system was not considered practical on account of the enormous electrical energy required, even for the most moderate distances, and the necessity for placing immersed plates at a considerable distance apart, but he admitted the inventor would have done much more if he had lived in the present time.

Lindsay's biographer delivered lectures on these early experiments in wireless telegraphy and exhibited the original apparatus and diagrams.

A biography which will be published shortly will contain many of Lindsay's letters on the subject, which prove the originality and feasibility of his experimental work.

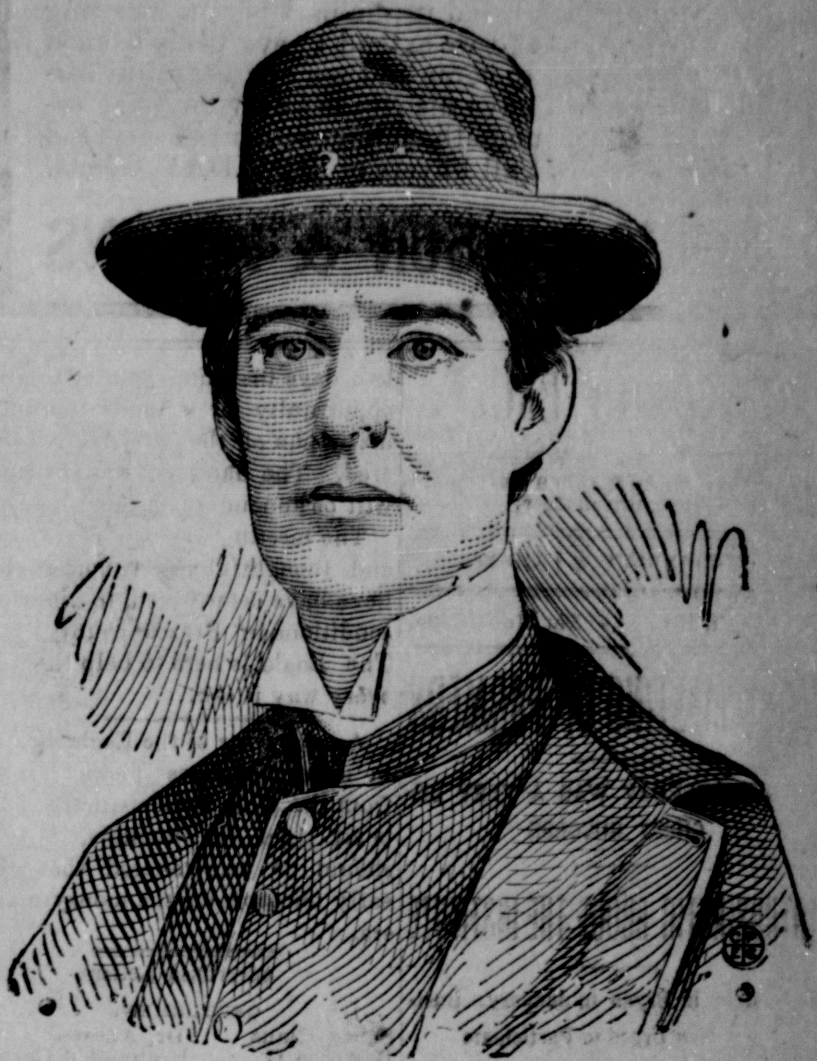
It is not generally known that Lindsay took out a patent for his method of wireless telegraphy. He began experiments in ponds and around Dundee in 1844, and resumed them in 1853, at Portsmouth and across the Faw.

Followed Her Beloved.

New York, Dec. 27.—Faithfulness to her fiancé, Professor Peck, former instructor in Lehigh university, who died a year ago from consumption, has cost Miss Mabel Mitchell of Plainfield, N. J., her life. When Prof. Peck was taken ill, Miss Mitchell, then a school teacher, nursed him at his home in Newberg, N. Y., and after his death the young woman was stricken by Professor Peck's disease. She resigned her position as an instructor in the Washington school and died Thursday night.

Noted Accountant Dead.

New York, Dec. 27.—Benjamin H. Caleb, an accountant, is dead in his home at East Orange, N. J., after a long illness. He was associated with



MR. W. B. PATTON

—IN—

"THE MINISTER'S SON"

Opera House, Tuesday, December 30th.

Jay Gould and General Granville M. Dodge in western railroad enterprises. He had been both a special and private accountant for the late George M. Pullman and Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, and was executor of the Pullman estate.

Damage in British Columbia.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—Heavy rains resulted in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo bridges at Koksilah being washed away. The river rose suddenly after the rains. Damage is reported from other points along the line and all trains between Victoria and Nanaimo have been cancelled as a result of the havoc caused by the high water.

Chilean Cabinet Crisis Settled.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Chilean cabinet crisis has been settled, cables the Herald's Valparaiso correspondent, by an agreement that all ministers shall remain at their posts.

Passes Away at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Former United States Consul General Jones died here suddenly of heart disease.

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MASS MEETING OF FARMERS

HELD YESTERDAY WAS A VERY DECIDED SUCCESS

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

To be Held in Bryan in January—Business Men Urged to Participate—Interesting Discussion.

Notwithstanding the cold and threatening character of the weather yesterday, the mass meeting of farmers held at the courthouse in the afternoon was a decided success, and well attended by representative farmers from nearly all parts of the county and a few business men. About thirty or forty were present and took an active interest in the proceedings. The meeting was called to order and Mr. J. H. White made chairman, and Webb Howell secretary. The object of the meeting, to make preparations for the Farmers' institute to be held in Bryan about the middle of January, was duly announced, and the kind of instruction desired of Prof. J. H. Connell and his assistants formed a topic of general and profitable discussion. Good talks were made by J. H. White, Webb Howell, J. H. Brewington, T. R. Batte, Walter Wipprecht, F. A. Capps, Mark Wilcox, McDuff Simpson, Judge Board, W. J. Meads, Major Shaw and others.

The discussions resulted in a resolution inviting Prof. Connell to bring with him experts in corn and cotton growing, stock raising, fruit culture, and truck farming. A resolution was also unanimously adopted by a rising vote urging the business men of Bryan to attend and participate in the meeting of the institute and pledging every man present to use his best efforts to induce his friends and neighbors to attend.

Another resolution was adopted inviting Prof. Connell to hold a

two days institute in order to give opportunity for a more thorough discussion of the subjects considered. The dates of the institute will be announced in due time.

The meeting was one of earnest and thoughtful men whom we believe have determined to improve conditions in Brazos county, and The Eagle is here to help them in every way it can.

A subscriber of the Eagle brings in some tomatoes picked fresh from the vines at Christmas. This is all right for lateness, but it should be remembered that the early tomatoes are the money-makers.

Advertised Letters.

GENTLEMEN.

Santa Claus Baker, A G Pomello, John Elmore, Aaron Frost, Jack Hill, Whit Jones, E F Kulak, Joe Mitchell, Rufus Minkhouse, Mr Pitts, Will Parker, G C Pine, M E Ringer, J W Thomas, Wiley Wilson, J C Wells, Frank Banks, Lena Bryant, Miss M L Easley, Annie Harrison, Eliza Jackson, Bertha Martin, Charity Owens, Katie Shepherd, Annie Shannon, Laura 2 Reed, Eliza Roberts, Ardie Ward, Rebecca

LADIES.

Bryan, Mrs W J Bailey, Mrs J F Carr, Hannah Ganaway, Annie Harlison, Lottie Johnson, Lula Marshail, Ada Owan, Manda Shannon, Laura 2 Roberts, Ardie Ward, Rebecca

Above list of letters remaining in the Bryan postoffice for the week ending Dec. 22, 1902. A charge of one cent is made on each piece of mail advertised. When calling for these letters please say "advertised" and give date. TYLER HASWELL, Postmaster.

"The Minister's Son," well remembered by Bryan theatre-goers on account of the personality of the peculiar comedian, Mr. W. B. Patton, will be seen for the second time in Bryan at the opera house Tuesday, December 30. Mr. Patton met with a cordial reception upon the occasion of his first visit to Bryan, and there is every reason to believe his coming appearance will be even more successful. Mr. Patton has a strong company.

Now is the time to order Blank Books for 1903. We are local agents for the M. P. Exline Co., manufacturers of stationers, lithographers and Blank Book makers, Dallas, Texas. We are prepared to take your order for anything in the way of office stationery, whether made to order or from regular stock. We also sell desks and office furniture.

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\$3.50 Mackintoshes ... 2 75

20%

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New Year's Calls.

New Year's calling in New York was purely the outgrowth of an early Dutch custom, yet strangely enough many of the descendants of the early Dutch settlers fought against the continuance of a practice which they declared had long since passed beyond the bounds to which the fathers limited it and had been made the excuse for great excesses on a day which ought to be given over to the forming of good resolutions.

In the early days of Manhattan Island the male Dutch settlers every New Year's day started out as a matter of duty to visit the houses of all their friends. The good wives who received them were arrayed in their Sunday finest and had bowls of steaming hot punch upon the "best room" table. The latter day Dutch descendants denied the punch and said it was coffee. The irreverent latter day champions of New Year's calling denied the punch also and told their opponents that their forefathers would not know a punch if they saw it and that they drank nothing but ill smelling gin.

Whatever it was that the good burghers drank, they succeeded in calling within the compass of the day upon every family of any note on Manhattan Island.

A New Year's Cyclone.

Is that a cyclone ragin'?
Is the roof a-tumblin' down?
Is that a earthquake shakin'
All the winders in town?
Is that the river roarin'
Above its banks of green?
Has Gabriel blowed his trumpet
To make the dead serene?

They stood and heard in terror
While loud the noise arose,
Like the warwhoops of the Indians,
The shouts of foreign foes,
But a voice brought better comfort
(Let not the sainted scoff):
"Thar ain't a bit of trouble;
That's daddy swearin' off!"
—Atlanta Constitution.

A Time of Peril.

Clarissa—I'm always glad when New Year's day is safely over.
Fidelia—Yes; it is a saddening anniversary.
Clarissa—Oh, I don't mean that. Clarence and I always have a horrid quarrel suggesting improvements in each other's conduct.

To 'Naughty-two.

Come in, New Year, come in, come in;
Don't stand out there in the cold and grip.
Put on some clothes; your legs are bare;
You haven't half enough to wear.
The old man's gone; the coast is clear;
The world's your oyster, kid New Year!
—Chicago Tribune.

Stock on Hand.

Brads—Going to make any new resolutions this year, Spikes?
Spikes—New ones? I should say not. I've got a lot of old ones I've never used, by Jove!

THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Venezuelan Controversy to Be Adjudicated by That Body.

CABINET FAVORS IT.

No Intimation Is Given as to Conditions Which May Have Been Imposed Precedent to Taking of This Step.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. The whole vexatious quest will be referred for adjudication to The Hague tribunal.

Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting Friday. The meeting was not so long as the sessions of the cabinet usually are. All the members except Secretary Root were present. The Venezuelan question was the principal and the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the net results of his cable correspondence with governments at London, Berlin and Caracas. It was in accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay. President Castro of Venezuela was reported to have agreed to submit the difficulties between his government and the European powers to the arbitration of the tribunal at The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but they had expressed a preference for an arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt and had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

The presentation of the case met with hearty approval of the cabinet. No fear is expressed by the administration that the Monroe doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any manner that might result in an embarrassing situation of the United States. Secretary Hay is preparing a note to the powers in which the gratification of this government is expressed for the course agreed upon by them in the settlement of the pending differences.

No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro precedent to the arbitration. It is known Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt practically without conditions, but the suggestion is made that one and perhaps two others involved proposed some conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the president had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question. It is understood some money must pass, but it also is known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been stated.

Quiet on the Isthmus.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Commander Culver, commanding the gunboat Bancroft telegraphed the navy department a few days ago, from Colon, that affairs were quiet on the isthmus and that there was no necessity for the American warship in that vicinity. In view of this report Commander Culver was authorized to proceed with the Bancroft to Kingston, Jamaica, and thence to San Juan, P. R., which is the regular station of the Bancroft. The vessel left Colon on the 24th.

LYNCHED WRONG MAN.

It Is Now Thought Montgomery Godley Did Not Kill Officer Hinkle. Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 27.—Investigation tends to show that Joe Godley, brother of Montgomery Godley, who was lynched by a mob here Christmas day for killing Policeman Hinkle, is the man the mob intended to hang. It seems that Joe Godley escaped during the lynching. It is now thought that Joe Godley fired the shot which killed the policeman and that the man who was lynched was innocent. The mother of the Godley boys is said to have asked a physician here to treat Joe for a gunshot wound in the neck. She would not tell the whereabouts of her son and the doctor refused to go with her. Hinkle's revolver, with which he was killed, has not been found, and it is believed that the man who did the killing has the pistol in his possession.

POTATO PURLOINERS.

One of Four Negroes Shot to Death by a Farmer in His Cellar. Westchester, Pa., Dec. 27.—Lewis Brown, a resident of New Garden, a small village near here, discovered four colored men in his cellar. He procured a shotgun and fired on the quartette, killing one of them. It is supposed one or more of the others were injured, as traces of blood were found near the house. The men had bagged about thirty bushels of potatoes and were about to depart when discovered.

Mascagni Has More Trouble.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Signor Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, who abandoned his American trip while playing in Chicago last week, was placed under arrest Friday night under a charge of embezzlement by his former manager, Richard Heard. When Mascagni decided to return to Italy he had no further use for his American manager and discharged him. Heard asserts that his contract called for \$5000, and tried to collect that amount. Mascagni refused to pay Heard any such sum and the arrest followed.

DEPLORABLE AFFAIR.

Mother and Twin Babies Severely Burned in a Fire at Cuero.

Cuero, Tex., Dec. 27.—The residence of Walter Legalley burned Friday. Mrs. Legalley left her twin babies asleep in the cradle in the house while she was attending the duties on the outside. She heard the babies scream and went to them to find their cradle on fire, and in fact the whole room was in a blaze. In her attempt to rescue the babies she met what will probably prove her death. The twins will likely die also.

NO CHARGE.

Decision by Attorney General Given in a Delinquent Tax Case.

Austin, Dec. 27.—In answer to inquiry as from the comptroller the attorney holds that where a delinquent tax record has been prepared under contract with the commissioners' court there should be no charge against a tract of land delinquent for what is known as collector's fee. Where a delinquent list is prepared a fee of \$1 for each year the land is delinquent is the proper charge, and it is to be received by the collector who makes up delinquent list. Heretofore collectors have been collecting this \$1 cost where delinquent tax record has been paid by commissioners' court.

Williams Brothers Under Bond.

Houston, Dec. 27.—Harold and Burnett Williams, the two sons of D. E. Williams, have been released from jail on bond of \$5000 each. The boys together with the father, are charged with the murder of Dr. A. Elmer de Lipsy, last July in this city.

Snow Three Feet Deep.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—People who have just arrived here from the White mountains, 150 miles north of this city, in New Mexico, report that snow covers the ground to a depth of three feet and is six feet in the drifts.

Woman Killed at Shiner.

Shiner, Tex., Dec. 27.—Two miles from here Vincent Janca was firing a pistol to celebrate Christmas, when one of the bullets struck a tree, glanced off and entered the house, striking his wife in the breast and producing instant death.

Amendment Effective.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.—Governor J. D. Sayers has issued an official proclamation declaring the result of the vote on the amendment to the state constitution making the payment of poll tax a prerequisite to voting. The amendment goes into immediate effect.

Ranchman Loses His Life.

Midland, Tex., Dec. 27.—W. O. Watts, a prominent ranchman, was accidentally shot and killed by his partner, S. W. Estes.

HERBERT'S PROMOTION.

Hy Will Be Vice President and General Manager of Entire System.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—J. M. Herbert, who has resigned as manager of the Denver and Rio Grande, will become on Jan. 1 vice president and general manager of the Colorado and Southern road and vice president of the Fort Worth and Denver. He will be in charge of the operation of the entire system from Denver to Fort Worth, and will make his headquarters in Denver. This announcement was authorized by Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado and Southern and Fort Worth and Denver. The office of vice president has not been filled since the resignation of B. L. Winchell two years ago. The duties which Mr. Herbert will assume have always been transacted in the office of the president and general manager. The change is made to relieve the pressure of business on President Trumbull.

BRYAN IN MEXICO.

In an Interview the Nebraskan Discusses the Silver Question.

City of Mexico, Dec. 27.—The papers all comment on the arrival of W. J. Bryan here, but it is understood that his visit is merely one of pleasure and recreation, he being accompanied by his wife and children. Talking on the silver question he said in part: "While India has suspended the coinage of silver she still uses silver as her money, and England coins a large number of rupees annually for India's needs. If Mexico were to adopt the gold standard it would naturally reduce still further the price of silver and if Mexico, in spite of being a large producer of silver, were to discard that metal as the standard money it is not improbable that India and China might be led by the same influences to do the same thing. While this is only speculation, it is a possibility that must be considered." Mr. Bryan proposes to make side trips to the hot country and also to Toluca, capital of the state of Mexico, where Governor Villada, a warm personal friend, is chief magistrate.

Personal Visit.

City of Mexico, Dec. 27.—William J. Bryan was received by President Diaz Friday afternoon. The interview was very cordial, but of a purely personal character.

Ordered to Leave.

La Guayra, Dec. 27.—The Swedish bark Framnas from Cardiff with 475 tons of coal for the La Guayra-Caracas railroad, a British concern, arrived off this port and was ordered to remain outside the blockade line. Friday orders were conveyed to the captain of the bark to leave. This step was taken because the coal was considered contraband of war.

Red Cross Society Sends Relief.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Red Cross society is sending representatives to Andijan to organize relief for the earthquake sufferers and has contributed \$17,500 to the relief fund.

DYING MAN'S STORY.

Said There Were Fourteen Other Men in the Car When He Was Hurt.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 27.—A coal miner from north of Trinidad, who was taken out of the debris of the Colorado and Southern freight wreck north of Trinidad Thursday night, died a short time later, said just before he expired that there were fourteen coal miners besides himself in the car in which he was riding and which was smashed to splinters. The ruins of this car are under tons of wreckage. All the men in it must have perished. It is now estimated that the number of dead will reach twenty-five to thirty. All of the men in the wrecked car were going to Trinidad to spend Christmas. They all came from mining camps north of this city.

Mrs. Grant's Will Filed.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The will of Mrs. U. S. Grant was filed Friday. The estate is to be divided into four equal portions. It also provides that a memento presented to her by the Empress of Japan, said to be 1000 years old, shall go to the Museum of Arts, New York. General Fred D. Grant, son of the testatrix, delivered the testament at Register Dent's office in person. Mrs. Grant named as executor "the trustee to be selected by my three sons, a majority, or the survivors of them."

To Investigate Plague Reports.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States marine hospital authorities have decided to dispatch an expert to the coast of the Gulf of California in Mexico to investigate the reports of the appearance of plague among the immigrant Chinese there, but no one has yet been designated for the service. The bureau already has received authentic reports of the appearance of a serious disease among those people.

Captain McGregor Dead.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Adjutant General Corbin received a cablegram from General Davis at Manila, saying that Captain Robert McGregor, corps of engineers, died in the Manila hospital on the 23rd instant, of acute appendicitis. Captain McGregor was a native of Michigan.

Husband Dead, Wife Wounded.

Grayson, Ky., Dec. 27.—Thomas Friley was shot and killed and his wife was dangerously wounded by Clyde and Claude Hall near Branigan in Carter county. Mrs. Friley was shot while she was trying to prevent the killing of her husband. The Hall brothers have surrendered. They claim the shooting was in self defense.

Death of Mrs. Galloway.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Fannie B. Galloway died Friday night at her residence in this city of old age. Mrs. Galloway was eighty-one years of age, widow of Colonel Nat C. Galloway, who was prominently connected with Memphis papers as editor and proprietor during his life. Mrs. Galloway was a native of Decatur, Ala.

Were Walking on Track.

Ridgewood, N. J., Dec. 27.—One man was killed, three injured, one probably fatally, on the railroad tracks here. The man killed, was Edward Martin, who was employed by H. B. Strong & Co. of Cleveland, O. The men were walking along the track.

Gale in Denmark.

Copenhagen, Dec. 25.—The worst gale that for many years visited Denmark and has done enormous damage to property and shipping. The telegraphic and railroad service has been interrupted and delayed. It is unsafe to walk the streets of Copenhagen. Several fatalities are reported.

Due to Gasoline.

Stuebenville O., Dec. 27.—Near the Gilechrist Coal works, across the Ohio river, an Austrian woman living in a house boat tried to start her fire with gasoline. An explosion followed and she was burned to death.

Mail Carrier Suicides.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—G. S. Booker, a veteran mail carrier, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Booker is a native of Memphis and is of middle age. Despondency is given as the cause of the deed.

Village Almost Destroyed.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 27.—Glen Allen, a flourishing village in Washington county with a population of between 400 and 500, was almost totally destroyed by fire.

Not on Fire.

Bremen, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Straits of Dover from Savannah has arrived here. The report that she was on fire Dec. 22 when passing the Lizard was erroneous.

Fearful Paralysis.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—After spending Christmas pleasantly with her family Mrs. Ella Sweetland killed herself by shooting. She had expressed a fear of paralysis.

Shot at a Wedding.

Wagoner, I. T., Dec. 27.—A few miles west, at the wedding of George Colbert, Dave Hawkins was shot in the head and died and Colbert shot in a hand. Colbert was arrested.

Two Frozen to Death.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—William Friend, an engineer, was frozen to death near Louisa, Ky., and a negro met the same fate near here.

Fatal Premature Explosion.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 27.—By a premature explosion twelve miles from Sapulpa, William Corry and James Flynn were killed.

Minister of War Mena Arrives.

New York, Dec. 27.—General Mena, recently appointed minister of war of Mexico, arrived on the Celtic.

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MANY MARRIAGES.

County Clerk McMichael Kept Busy During the Holidays.

County Clerk G. W. McMichael has been kept busy during the holidays issuing marriage licenses, and when the reporter dropped in yesterday to consult the book in which the permits to pair are kept it looked like it had been struck by a matrimonial cyclone, and indeed it had, as will be seen below. Eleven licenses were issued the day before Christmas, showing that Hymen was dividing honors with Santa Claus. All of the following were issued within the ten days between Dec. 17 and Dec. 27:

Lonnie Hampton to Ellen Hall, John Harris to Mary Washington, S. E. Dean to Axar Allen, J. B. Sands to Nella Hawes, Peter Robinson to Vira Henderson, Buster Brown to Annie Manning, Liboria Catrone to Lucio Calzopio, I. V. Freeman to Rosa Elliott, Antony Martin to Mollie Kimball, John Dangerfield to Ada Williams, Ernest King to Josephine Holmes, E. M. Dokes to Emma Husey, W. W. Winter to Lizzie Grice, Allen Hall to Leatha Knox, Richard Jackson to Etta Jones, Wm. Chappel to Sarah Warner, Sam Hudgins to Eliza Wyatt, Phillip Johns to Elvina Peterson, George Wells to Sarah Grays, W. M. Jones to Ida Fuqua, Bob Hall to Alberta Hays, Scott Cobb to Mariah Moseley, D. G. Edmerson to Beniah Wilson, R. A. Henry to Stella Page, Robert Wilson

to Katherine Curry, W. R. Farquhar to Bessie Neeley, Toney Osborne to Susan A. Jones, Frank Mercer to Druesilla Roe.

An advance notice says: There is a spontaneity, a freshness about the scenes and characters in the "Minister's Son" apparent from the moment the curtain rises in the first act, which has a melting effect on the cynic. Frills, roundabout methods and worn out mannerisms do not abide in this production. A quiet, restful atmosphere pervades the piece, and it follows one from the theatre into the street. As a comedian Mr. W. B. Patton is no less pleasing than peculiar and original, and that he possesses originality none who have seen him doubt. Opera house, Tuesday, Dec. 30.

A chimney cracked at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Higgs yesterday afternoon filling the house with smoke and causing a fire alarm. No damage from fire.

Engineer Wm. Wallis of the I. & G. N. has a "game" knee as a result of an accidental fall from his engine.

Farm lands 5 and 6 miles from Bryan, for sale or to exchange for town property. T. J. Preston. 35

Franklin Bros. still lead with the best markets, the best meats and the best service. 21

Just received a fresh shipment of Huyler's pure, delicious candies for Christmas at McDougald's drug store. 16

Mrs. D. A. Horton was called to Houston yesterday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Dolph Newman

I. & G. N. SCHEDULE.
No. 104—Northbound—Passenger Leaves 4:25 p. m.
(Makes close connection with main line I. & G. N. going east and west.)
No. 101—Southbound—Passenger—Arrives 7:15 p. m.
Leaves (next morning) 8 a. m.

H. & T. C. SCHEDULE.
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Northbound No. 3 1:27 p. m.
Northbound No. 5 2:13 a. m.
Southbound No. 2 2:00 p. m.
Southbound No. 4 4:16 p. m.
Southbound No. 6 2:46 a. m.
Nos. 3 and 4 are fast trains, stopping only at principal stations.

Local News

Miss Nonie Adams is visiting in Dallas.

Miss Hattie McConico is visiting in Houston.

R. M. Connor is visiting in Houston.

House for rent. Apply to D. Mike, Jr. 22

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bookman are visiting in Madisonville.

Thos. W. Higgs has been on the sick list several days.

House for rent January 1. Apply to Mrs. C. B. Winter. 17

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holland have returned from Calvert.

Miss Davis of Fort Worth is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. E. White.

Next—The Minister's Son—Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Barton of Dallas is here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. P. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Semple of Georgia left Friday after visiting relatives.

Mrs. Casey returned to Hillsboro yesterday after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Boxley Cole.

Rev. E. L. Shettles announces services at the courthouse this morning at 11 o'clock and tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wadley have returned to Palmer, Texas, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones.

Place your orders now with E. B. Lomax for New year's oysters. Phone Wells Fargo Express office. 18

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Meredith of Millican and Mr. J. E. Johnson of Houston were present at the funeral of Mr. T. B. Johnson. 21

The funeral of Mr. Thomas B. Johnson was held at the family residence in this city yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. E. L. Shettles conducting the services. Members of the A. O. U. W., Camp J. B. Robertson, U. C. V., and many friends were present. The interment was made at the Boonville cemetery under the auspices of the A. O. U. W. The aged mother of the deceased who makes her home with the family was present to mingle her tears with those of the wife and children.

Mrs. M. W. Sims, Mrs. W. S. Howell, Mrs. J. A. McQueen, and Mrs. G. M. Brandon will give a tea at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Smith Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 4 to 6 p. m., and from 8 p. m. to 12, for the benefit of the Carnegie library. Both young and married people are invited in the afternoon and evening Admission, Adults, 15 cents; couples 25 cents; children, 10 cents. 20

A musical entertainment was given Christmas night by Miss Emma Jones at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. C. Jones, in the Bethel community in honor of Miss Nellie Jones, who has been attending Baylor College at Belton. There was a large crowd present, including a number from Bryan, and the occasion was much enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

A delightful party was given on Christmas night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Higgs and attended by nearly one hundred persons. A production of East Lynne was given and later the young people played games and danced. It is needless to say that everybody present had a good time and will long remember Mr. and Mrs. Higgs for their generous hospitality.

For Rent—The upper story of my feed store, also room in lower story. Remember I have the best feed stuffs at prices to suit. I solicit your business for the next year. Phone 52. 20 I. G. McGee.

T. C. Bittle of the City of Mexico, Prof. P. B. Bittle of Henderson and Dr. Frank Bittle of Texarkana have been spending Christmas with their parents, Prof. and Mrs. T. C. Bittle at College.

A nice Phaeton and harness for sale cheap. Stoves, Carpets and Matting. If you are interested and want to buy, please call at The Eagle office for further information. d-w

Good morning, have you been to Franklin's market? 21

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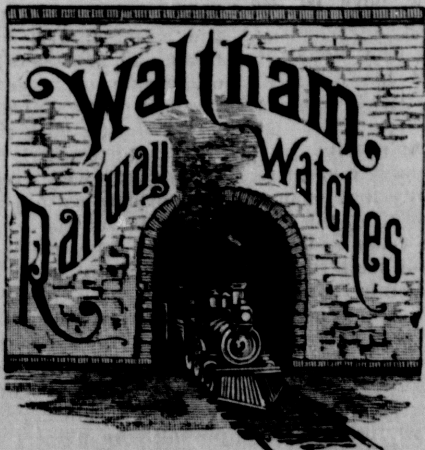
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SEVEN SUGGUMBED.

That Number of Persons Froze to Death in Pennsylvania.

New York, Dec. 27.—Seven men frozen to death is Pennsylvania's record for twenty-four hours, says a dispatch from Philadelphia to the World. The victims are:

Mathew Zinnett, forty-five years old, Sharpsburg, found near his home.

James H. Coates, fifty years old, Pittsburg, found in the snow.

Philip Sohn, fifty years old, Har-marville, found in the snow.

Richard McCann, sixty-five years of age, Sygan Station.

Lecius Faller, forty-four years old, Allentown, found in ice in Little Le-high river. He had lost his way in the darkness and fell into the river.

James H. Hannigan, York, lost in the snow.

Thomas Monaghan, seventy-six years old, Lancaster, fell in snow bank and was too feeble to rise.

FRIGID IN FLORIDA.

It Is Feared That Great Damage Has Been Done to Orange Trees.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—Friday night was the coldest at this season, twenty-four, and at Tampa it was thirty. It is feared young orange trees are killed or badly hurt, as the previous warm weather kept the sap in the upper limbs. There is considerable fruit yet in the groves and in some sections this may be harmed much.

Cold in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—The thermometer at the customhouse registered twenty-eight degrees above zero, the coldest of the winter. Ice formed in the gutters. The freeze extended through the sugar region. The weather is clear and sunshiny.

Blizzard at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—Much damage was done this city and its environs by the recent blizzard. Roofs collapsed and many small vessels in the harbor and in the Bosphorus were sunk or dashed to pieces, carrying fatalities. The Black sea suffered also.

Record Breaker.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Saturday, Dec. 27, is a record breaker for cold weather this winter. Mercury registered fourteen degrees. At Savannah it was twenty-four.

WAX WAS A WITNESS.

He Worked During Coal Strike and His Body Found on Railroad Track.

New York, Dec. 27.—Finding the decapitated body of John Wax of Pitts-ton on the Lehigh Valley tracks, says a dispatch from Wilkesbarre, points to a murder, there being no marks on the body such as would have been evident had Wax been killed by the cars. Wax worked during the coal strike and had been repeatedly threatened with bodily harm, and his house was one of the many dynamited. He was a witness before the strike commission. For these reasons suspicions have been aroused.

GEOLOGIST EXPIRES.

Professor Vandiest Drops Dead at the Feet of His Son in Colorado.

San Luis, Colo., Dec. 27.—Professor P. H. Vandiest, the famous geologist, died at this place. He dropped dead at the feet of his son, although apparently in the best of health. The professor was given the appointment of chief of the mines of Java when the government of Holland began its extensive mining operations on that island when in possession of it. His health became impaired and Holland granted him a life pension. In 1872 he came to Colorado and became chief of the land department in the surveyor general's office. This position the professor held for several years.

Fitzsimmons Soon Fixes Ranke.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 27.—A special to the Miner from Bozeman says Robert Fitzsimmons knocked out Mike Ranke, the heavyweight pugilist of eastern Montana, in fifteen seconds of the second round. Ranke, who weighed 190 pounds, went down before a heavy jab on the jaw.

Found Dead in Bed.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 27.—Dr. Nokolosek, city physician of Chicago, was found dead in bed at Belen, N. M. The doctor went to Belen two months ago suffering with tuberculosis, complicated with heart disease. His death was due to heart failure.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Bremont, Tex., had an \$8000 fire. Thousands of cattle are snowed in in Colorado.

John Pharr fell off a trestle at Corrigan, Tex., with fatal result.

In a fire at Houston Tom Thomas, colored, was burned to death.

Cornerstone of the girls' industrial school at Denton, Tex., will be laid Jan. 10.

Car Inspector Siddell died at Vinita, I. T. He was well known in railroad circles.

A young negro woman named Mary Smith was shot and killed near Kerens, Tex.

J. A. Edson will succeed J. M. Herbert as manager of the Denver and Rio Grande, Rio Grande Southern and Rio Grande Western.

The Ozark and Cherokee Central road ran its first train into Muskogee Christmas day.

A white man and several negroes had a shooting affair at Fort Worth. No body was hurt.

P. J. Stiger, who was held up and shot at Wagoner, I. T., died. Eight negroes are under arrest.

Oklahoma Sheriff's association held its annual convention at El Reno. C. C. Oats of Woods county was elected president.

A YANKEE TAR'S VICTORY

Thrilling Battle
On the Sea
During the War
Of 1812

OF the many deeds of daring performed by Yankee sailors during the war of 1812 perhaps there was none more daring in inception and skillful in execution than the escape of the letter of marque brig *Ida* from the harbor of La Rochelle, France. The incident is related by George P. Mathes in the Pittsburg Dispatch.

One day in April, 1814, three men were standing on the quay of La Rochelle. They were Captains Maffit and Mantor of the brigs *Rattlesnake* and *Ida* and Captain Brown of the privateer schooner *Decatur*. They were discussing ways and means of leaving the French port, outside of which a British fleet was waiting to pounce upon them.

Finally it was decided that when the tide ran ebb next day they would make an attempt to force a passage.

At noon the next day the three vessels weighed anchor and stood up for the northerly passage with batteries ready for action. After opening up the passage it was seen that it was corked by a brig of war and a schooner. After a short conference the captains of the *Rattlesnake* and *Decatur* decided to return and wait for more favorable conditions.

Captain Mantor, however, having once made up his mind, was not to be swerved from his course, and the three vessels parted, the *Rattlesnake* and *Decatur* returning to their moorings, while the *Ida* stood over to the east side of the Isle De Re to discharge her pilot. As soon as the pilot was over the side the dainty brig came around on her heel like a girl in a country dance and, with every sail pulling like a team of horses, headed down for the roads in order to clear the south end of the island. Her movements were now in full view of the blockading fleet, and as he bowed along Captain Mantor could see the little balls of bunting creeping to

Perkins," said the captain as his lieutenant joined him.

"I'm not worryin' much about him," said the skipper, "but there's a fellow jest roundin' the upper end of the island that we may have some trouble with."

Mr. Perkins looked in the direction indicated and caught sight of a thirty-two gun frigate bearing down on them rapidly.

After a prolonged look around the horizon, first at the oncoming frigate, then at the frigates and liners driving along in the green surges astern, Captain Mantor cried: "Mr. Perkins, send the men below and get up the ballast. That single decker to leeward is a faster vessel than I give them credit for havin'. We'll have to lighten ship if we get away from him after we give our friend ahead the slip."

The critical moment was fast approaching, as both vessels were going through the water at great speed. Each was converging on the other. If they held their courses, a collision was inevitable.

"You'll be into him in a minute, sir," cried the lieutenant.

"I hope he'll think so, Mr. Perkins," was the calm reply. "Steady as you go," he said to the quartermaster as that officer showed signs of uneasiness. Those on board the frigate were unable to account for the action of the brig, and the Englishman fell off a point or two. This was the moment for which Captain Mantor had been waiting. As the frigate yawed to leeward on a big wave he cried sharply to his own quartermaster, "Luff, you rascal, luff."

The brig the next instant swung up into the wind and darted across the bows of the frigate so close that the orders of the officer could be plainly heard. Then the sides of the Englishman broke forth in smoke and flame.



THE FRIGATE BARELY HELD HER OWN.

the masthead of the flagship. As they were broken out they were promptly answered from the liners and frigates, and all began getting under way.

On his starboard bow a schooner mounting two guns for each one the brig carried was storming along, the first to answer the signals of the flagship.

"Man the starboard battery, Mr. Perkins," was the order. "We must wing that fellow if we're to get away."

On came the schooner, her guns run out, with crew at quarters. When the two vessels were within gunshot, there came a hail from the schooner. "Surrender, my fine fellow, or we'll blow you out of the water!"

For answer Captain Mantor let the brig fall off so her broadside would bear and roared, "Now, boys, let 'em have it!"

That a little Yankee brig would attempt to fight one of his majesty's warships in the face of the fleet was a thought that had not for a moment crossed the Englishman's mind, and the broadside was a complete surprise. In consequence the answering response from the schooner went wild, the shot doing no damage aside from cutting a few ropes. The broadside from the *Ida* had been better aimed and found its mark in the bows of the schooner, whose jibboom hung over her side, leaving her head sails in a hopeless tangle. The vessel shot up into the wind so sharply that her people had all they could do for a short time to keep clear of the shoals thereabouts.

"I reckon that fellow 'll have about all he wants to tend to for awhile, Mr.

and a storm of shot hurtled over and around the daring Yankee. But two struck the brig. One cut away her anchor at the bows, and another came aboard at the lee bow and, traversing the deck fore and aft, passed close to Captain Mantor and went over the stern, taking part of the taffrail with it.

"Not much damage for all that fuss," said Captain Mantor. "Round in the braces, Mr. Perkins, and get that ballast out lively."

Before the frigate could come about the *Ida* was well out of gunshot, slipping through the waves like a startled deer. As the ballast was got up and thrown over the side the speed of the little vessel increased, and the frigate astern, which before had been gaining slowly on the chase, now barely held her own. Well astern the big line of battle ships came pounding through the green surges, while several war brigs and schooners stretched out on either side to prevent any doubling on the part of the Yankee.

"Overboard with some of the guns" was the next order. Four of the broadside battery were dropped. The frigate did not gain so much. "Over with the remainder of the guns, Mr. Perkins," cried the skipper after another hour.

"Everything, sir?"

"All but the Long Tom. We'll hold that whatever happens."

Thus lightened there was no longer any doubt of the result of the chase. The little brig began to crawl away from her enemies. All day they were in pursuit. As night fell they were hull down and still falling behind. When morning broke, the tips of their sails were sinking behind the tossing waves.

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The display is very complete, embracing all the new designs and colorings. These will be very popular during the coming season.

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